


REMARKS

A change has been made to the specification by the above amendments. Claim 7 has been amended and claim 21 has been added to remove multiple dependency.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment to Preliminary Amendment

Marked-up copy of Claim 7

7. (Amended) The apparatus of [any one of] claim 3 [or claim 4], wherein the DPCM quantization is coding the difference between a current value and the immediate previous value, or is coding the difference between a current value and an approximated value which is obtained by adding the immediately previous value to the difference between the immediately previous value and the previous value thereof.

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